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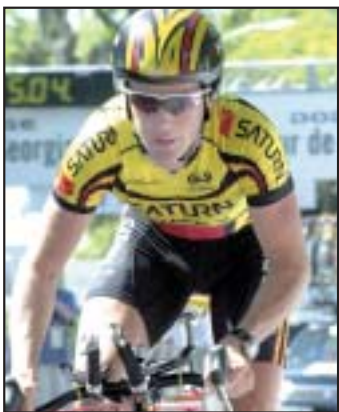
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1/75th Rangers return to overjoyed family, friends

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

Not many people are out and about after midnight on a workday eve, but this homecoming was apparently worth the loss of sleep, because if you thought the Beatles received a warm reception on American soil, you can go ahead and multiply the amplitude of that greeting by about a million — then you'll possibly be able to picture the elated crowd that rushed into the open arms of sons, fathers, brothers, husbands and loved ones who are part of the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment.

Families and friends poured into Hunter Army Airfield's Truscott Air Terminal late Sunday night to await the long-anticipated arrival of 238 Rangers who redeployed to Hunter after being overseas since January as part of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The soldiers arrived at about 1:15 a.m. Monday, but the indecent hour was of no importance to the multitude who waited to welcome them.

"All of you can take great pride in the service of your Rangers during this conflict," said Lt. Col. Mike Kershaw, battalion commander, addressing families and friends of his soldiers.

"Elements of this battalion operated throughout Iraq in an unprecedented fashion, from the remote Western Desert, to Nasiriyah in the south, to the center of Baghdad, and finally, to the north in Tikrit, the hometown of Saddam Hussein and last pocket of organized resistance of this regime.

"In every instance, your Rangers have acquitted themselves with honor, completing every mission and adding laurels to our regiment's already distinguished history."

Kershaw went on to describe in general terms the missions undertaken and successfully accomplished by the

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Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Sgt. Raymond DePouli enjoys his first moments with wife Dawn and sons Brandon, 5, and Jacob, 2, early Monday morning.

Doctor talks to media about 'Gulf War syndrome'

Sgt. Sam Hoffman

Staff Writer

Veterans of the Gulf War have been complaining about a variety of symptoms that they attribute to their service, more than ten years ago.

With the inevitable redeployment of the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.), Doctor (Col.) Paula K. Underwood, Winn Army Community Hospital deputy commander for clinical services, spoke to media from around the country Friday, in an informal press conference about the so-called "Gulf War syndrome."

Speaking as an unofficial representative, Underwood, a Gulf War veteran, discussed her experiences in the war and how they related to the disease. She talked about the first complaints, suspected causes, research that has been done and preparations for the possibility of future complaints.

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Raiders' mission evolves



Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

Spc. Matthew Irvin and Spc. Joshua Gillette, both of B Company, 65th Engineer Battalion, pound a picket into the ground April 23 in Baghdad. The 65th Eng. Bn. is responsible for all the structural improvements made to the 1st BCT's area of operation.

Support and stabilization operations become priority

Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The regime of Saddam Hussein has been toppled.

Heavy fighting in and around Baghdad has given way to the occasional 15-second exchange of gunfire between Coalition Forces and the few still loyal to Hussein.

The streets of the city, barren for the past month, have come alive — scores of residents moving about freely by car and foot, businesses slowly reopening for patrons, and highways once again bustling with commuters.

For the 1st Brigade Combat Team, the work to be done in Baghdad is far from completed.

The Raiders, who spent the past week planning for future operations at a

palace north of Baghdad International Airport, moved their operation to Downtown Baghdad to begin support and stabilization operations April 20.

"Our job here is to ensure the continued destruction of any forces loyal to the previous regime," said Col. William Grimsley, 1st BCT commander. "In the process we have to maintain order in the city as the country transitions to a new government."

The 1st BCT is responsible for security for a portion of the city, which is carried out by 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment; 3rd Battalion, 69th Armor Regiment; 1st Battalion, 41st Field Artillery; and 2nd Battalion, 187th Infantry Regiment from the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault).

"We have a responsibility to protect

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Scam targets servicemembers

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

Staff Writer

On numerous occasions across the United States, families of deployed servicemembers have received false calls from an organization identifying itself as the International American Red Cross.

The fraudulent organization then proceeded to inform the family that their servicemember,

who is deployed, has been wounded or killed.

"We have received reports of approximately 10 occurrences in various states across the country," said Sue Richter, vice president of the Armed Forces Emergency Services American Red Cross at Falls Church, Va.

This scam is dangerous because the family members who receive these calls experience the initial onset of pain

and emotional trauma because they believe the bad news reported to them, she said.

"In the case of an elderly family member or a family member who is in bad health it's really hard to say just how dangerous this could be to them or what kind of effects it could have on them," said Richter.

The American Red Cross is

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Bush tells Iraqi-Americans they are proof Iraq can be free

Kathleen T. Rhem

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON - The days of repression of the Iraqi people are over, President Bush told a crowd of Iraqi expatriates in Dearborn, Mich., Monday. "Iraq will be democratic," he added.

In a short speech interrupted many times by applause and shouts of support from the crowd, Bush told the group they are living proof that the Iraqi people love freedom and can flourish in democracy.

"People who live in Iraq deserve the same freedom that you and I enjoy here in America," he said. "And after years of tyranny and torture, that

freedom has finally arrived."

Still, he cautioned, rebuilding Iraq will take time. "That nation's recovering not just from weeks of conflict but from decades of totalitarian rule," the president said.

Bush laid out a litany of injustices Saddam Hussein's regime brought to bear on the Iraqi people.

The dictator "treated himself to palaces with gold faucets and grand fountains" in a country in which 40 percent of the people don't have access to clean drinking water, Bush said.

Iraq defied United Nations sanctions and

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Fuel keeps division on road

Soldiers pump fuel day, night

Spc. Katherine Robinson

50th PAD

SOUTHERN IRAQ — It's a long drive from Kuwait to Baghdad and other northern objectives in Iraq. But with the help of tireless support units, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) will never run out of what they need to get there.

The 59th Quartermaster Company, out of Fort Carson, Colo., sets up a fuel farm at every new position to provide fuel in massive amounts for the Marine Division's thousands of tanks, personnel carriers, helicopters and other vehicles.

The company is attached to the 87th Corps Support Battalion for the duration of the battalion's mission in Iraq.

Made up of 50,000 gallon bags of fuel, the fuel farm has the capacity to hold 600,000 gallons of fuel, according to Staff Sgt. Thomas Harrell, platoon sergeant for 1st platoon and Baton Rouge, La., native.

"Our primary mission is to push fuel forward," he said. "We're like the middle-man."

Setting up a fuel farm is no small effort, said Pfc. Ian Foss, a 59th QM Co. petroleum supply specialist from Camp Point, Ill.

When 1st platoon reaches a location, they first have to have engineers dig huge rectangular berms to place the bags in. Then the soldiers put down berm-liners in case of fuel leaks. They drop the bags in with forklifts and unroll them, Foss said.

The soldiers then hook up hoses to each of the bags. They hook up pumps and filters to the hoses, to clean sand out of the fuel and pump it into fuel trucks and tankers.

"We set up nine bags in (about) six hours," Foss said. "That's non-stop work."

The tankers then fill up from the bags and push the fuel forward to the combat units.

"We do bulk delivery," he explained. "(The units) take it and issue it out to helicopters, tanks, humvees ... it's pretty important because without fuel the war would never happen."

Foss arrived at Fort Carson in November of 2002, and was told on his first day that he was going to deploy to Kuwait.

He said at first he was scared, but he's glad he came, and glad he's able to provide vital support for the warfighters.

"I'm glad we came over here ... It feels really good to me, knowing (the Iraqis) will have their freedom now. I don't feel good about losing American lives over it."

Harrell said the unit's morale has stayed up throughout the war.

"We had some (soldiers) who had a hard time adapting, but they overcame that," he said.

The soldiers set up their most recent position and are preparing to downsize the amount of fuel they hold, now that the demand is not as high in their area, Harrell said.

But they continue to provide fuel at all hours of the day and night, making their contribution to the fight for Iraqi freedom.



Photos by Spc. Katherine Robinson

Pvt. 2 Colt Johnson, a petroleum supply specialist with 11th ADA from Fort Bliss, Texas, helps Pfc. Chris Wilcox.



Soldiers from 1st Platoon, 59th QM Co., out of Fort Carson, Colo., work to fold up an empty fuel bag, as part of their downsizing. The platoon had 12 50,000 gallon bags set up to provide bulk fuel.

Soldiers from 1st Platoon, 59th QM Co. out of Fort Carson, Colo., work to fold an empty fuel bag, as part of their downsizing.



Spc. Charles Mogle, a 369th Trans. Co. mechanic, monitors the amount of fuel going into his tanker from the 59th QM Co. fuel farm.

Fire, rescue personnel participate in training exercise

Steve Hart
Hunter Public Affairs Officer

Personnel from Hunter Army Airfield Fire and Emergency Services division assisted Savannah Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services first responders during a training exercise at Savannah’s Firefighter Training Area April 22.

The training was part of the Tactical Medic Course for police officers and medics assigned to police Special Weapons and Tactics teams. Among the emergency personnel attending the training were 14 medical professionals from police and fire departments from five states.

Hunter personnel conducted a lecture on decontamination procedures at a disaster site followed by a hands-on exercise. Part of the exercise was in an eight-story structure used to train firefighters which made it as realistic as possible. While on the third floor, an instructor pulled the pin on a tear gas canister to replicate the detonation or explosion of a hazardous material. The hazardous material could be a chemical or biological agent, a metamphetamine lab of a drug dealer, or any of the 500,000 products that pose physical or health hazards used in industry, agriculture, medicine or research.

When the gas drifted toward the students, they quickly evacuated the building. When they exited the front door, their gasping and facial expressions made it clear they ingested a healthy dose of the agent while descending the stairwell.

The Hunter staff directed the students to the decontamination area 350 yards from the fire training tower. There, the students shed their equipment and received a gross decontamination that involved the students getting hosed down with ordinary water and then washed with soapy

water using a brush on a long handle. At each of the four succeeding decontamination stations, the students removed increasingly more clothing and continued to be scrubbed down. The last station included their getting checked by medical personnel.

“Hunter’s staff is excellent — they have their own hazardous material decontamination equipment, and their people are well-trained and knowledgeable,” said David Hall, President, Rescue Training Incorporated, the company overseeing the training.

One student found the training particularly worthwhile.

“These guys know what needs to be done. They know when it needs to be done. And the know how to do it,” said Thomas Gibson, emergency response team member from the Savannah Police Department.

Local, state and federal governments share the responsibility for protecting their citizens from disasters and for helping them to recover when a disaster strikes. Those disasters can be natural (floods, fires, hurricanes or tornadoes, for example) or manmade (hazardous material spills or explosions or terrorist attacks involving chemical, biological, or radioactive agent(s).

“The likelihood of our getting a call is very real because the first thing that is depleted during hazmat situations is manpower. Agencies deplete their manpower very quickly,” said Eddie Shuman, assistant fire chief, Hunter Army Airfield.

In addition to the students, the Hunter personnel derived some benefits from the training event.

“We get training that you cannot get out of a book. Everybody from these agencies works well together. As long as we know what we can expect from them and what they can expect from us, it improves our ability to respond to emergencies,” Shuman said.



Steve Hart

Hunter Firefighter Dustin Spilman conducts a primary rinse of a police officer/medic with the Satellite Beach, Fla. police department. Hunter’s Fire and Emergency Services Division participated in the training event in Savannah April 22.

Weapons once being destroyed; now being stored for future Iraqi military use

Spc. Jacob Boyer
3rd Inf. Div (Mech.) PAO

SOUTHERN IRAQ — As coalition forces come across Iraqi weapons caches, the arms are being inventoried and stored to save them for a future Iraqi military.

At the beginning of Operation Iraqi Freedom, the object was to destroy or disable any weapons found, but now that operations have shifted to peacekeeping, weapons that are discovered are stockpiled and taken to a storage facility, said Capt. Elizabeth Walker, assistant operations officer, 103rd Military Intelligence Battalion.

“We’re storing everything so we can eventually give it back to the Iraqi people,” said the Durham, N.C., native. “This way they will have the means to defend themselves after we’re

gone.”

Maneuver units have been finding the caches during patrols in their areas of responsibility, Walker said. Sometimes they get reports of the caches from the local populace and others they stumble across. When one is found, the brigade’s explosive ordinance demolition team checks out the area to make sure it is safe to touch or move what is found.

“The priority is the small arms: AK-47s, RPG’s and other weapons that could easily be grabbed by locals and used against us,” she said. “There’s less likelihood someone could use a tank against us, so we work fast to move the smaller weapons.”

Once the safety of the weapons is established, the brigades move the ordnance to one of many captured ammunition holding areas in

the region, Walker said. As units moved into Baghdad, “hundreds” of CAHAs were started around the city.

“When we first came here, the 101st (Airborne Division) had hundreds established, and the Marines had at least 100 themselves,” she said. “Right now we’re tracking about 12 CAHAs in the Baghdad area, but there are more that we aren’t tracking yet.”

Task Force Bullet, which is made up of the 41st Artillery Brigade, inventories all of the weapons amassed at the CAHAs and transports them to one of two storage facilities in Iraq, said Sgt. 1st Class Brian Perkins, the liaison officer to the 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) from Task Force Bullet.

“We’re the command and control node for taking care of captured enemy equipment and ammunition,” said the Chicago

native. “After our ordnance platoon verifies the weapons are safe for transport, we haul them from the division CAHAs to (V Corps) points.”

One storage area, Dogwood, is located in an industrial complex south of Baghdad, Perkins said. There is another one located near Talil.

Walker said some times the equipment found has to be destroyed because it is either unsafe or unable to be moved. But just as the goal of Operation Iraqi Freedom s to turn the country back over to its people, the goal of this operation is to make sure they have the means to defend themselves if that day comes.

“The goal is for Iraq to be independent one day,” Walker said. “Part of being independent is having a military to defend yourself, and for that you need equipment and ammunition.”

VOICES AND VIEWPOINTS

It's the people

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

Before Operation Iraqi Freedom began, there was a lot of debate around the world about whether we should use military action to topple Saddam Hussein and his Baath Party's regime here. Folks argued about whether we should, why we should and anything else they could find related to Iraq. World leaders, the media, protesters and many others talked about things like weapons of mass destruction, genocide, national defense and democracy in the Middle East.

I found the debate raging through my own head and the weeks leading up to the beginning of the conflict. I wondered why I individually and we as a nation were in Kuwait, preparing to take down a regime thousands of miles from our home shores.

But the conflict began, our military began the march north, and the debate took a back seat as I focused on the tasks at hand. By the time we arrived at Baghdad International Airport two weeks ago, most of my doubts had been quieted, but not because I had forgotten them. Instead, I had found a reason to be

here that dwarfed every concept discussed in the past year.

It's the people.

The poverty I see them living through when I drive past their farms and through their towns can't be done justice in words. It's masses of children lining the roads waving empty MRE bags, begging for more. It's emaciated people and cows so thin you can see their ribcages. It's people making do with cars that would have been in a junkyard years ago if they were in America. Back home it's easy to forget that there are people in the world who actually live like this, whether they were born into desolation or under the boot of corrupt leadership.

And these people lived like this while their leader and his cronies hopped from one palace to another. As alien as the harsh conditions the average Iraqi lives under are to me, the opulent lifestyle of Hussein and his inner circle are even farther from what I think of as reality.

Lavish ballrooms. Movie theaters. Kitchens larger than any I ever worked in before I joined the Army. And that was in a palace that didn't look like it had ever been used.

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That people could live like this while those they were responsible for suffered is the greatest injustice I have ever witnessed in my life. Forget about weapons. Forget about national defense. I've found my reason for being here.



It's the people.

It's hard to imagine a nation of people running around in hand-me-downs, but here it seems everyone is wearing a t-shirt from 1985.

It's hard to imagine 3-year-old children schilling cigarettes on the side of a dusty back road, but they wave blue packs of state-produced tobacco any time a HUMVEE is within view.

It's hard to imagine any person cheering as another nation's military rolls through his streets after vanquishing his nation's fighting forces, but here, as time passes, more and more appear genuinely happy to see us.

Before I came here, these things were all hard to picture, but now that I have seen them, they are memories I am sure I'll hold for a long time.

I'll remember the smile on a little boy's face when I handed him a piece of candy I would probably throw away back home; the mobs of ecstatic civilians cheering any American they saw and cursing Hussein's name; the guy who saw me smoking a cigarette from one of those blue packs yanking it out of my mouth and offering me one that wasn't "Saddam's cigarette;" the old man sitting on the side of the road simply waving a small American flag as tanks drove by.

People can argue about the rights and wrongs of what the U.S. has done here all they want, and they probably will for a long time to come.

But no matter what history decides, I will never have to wrestle with my conscience over why I'm here.

It's the people.

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Readers respond to the question:

How do you feel about media being embedded in units overseas?



"They need to be there so the public can know what's going on and keep people posted."

Sgt. 1st Class Richard Brown, Jr.
B Co., 3220th GSU



"It supports our constitutional right to freedom of the press."

Sgt. 1st. Class James Burden
5th Bde



"I don't think it's a good idea, it could be dangerous ... anything could happen."

Chavala Johnson
Terri's Treasure Chest, PX



"They bring you a little more into the war, you see more of what's going on."

Spc. Quincy Carnegia
A Co., HQ Cmd.



"It could pose security problems ... some questions don't need to be asked."

Melvin Kelley
Boot Man, PX



"It works, it's the best thing to happen, because you get footage right away."

Chief Warrant Officer 3 Alex Muniz
A Co., 41st Combat Eng. Bn.



Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

A group of Iraqi children pose for a photo in Baghdad April 15.

Who's responsible when it comes to mass media

Sgt. Raymond J. Piper

Editor

I was in the PX a few months ago when Grand Theft Auto 3: Vice City just came out, and I heard a kid maybe 12 or 13 tell his mother, "That's the game I want." I was surprised but I shouldn't have been with all of the hype surrounding that game.

It was on the cover of all the video game magazines, it was advertised on TV and it was plastered all over the web. The game is awesome in its scope and it's realistic and very, very violent. The game is set in the mid-80s and the main character is a gangster fresh out of prison sent to sunny Vice City to extend his boss's criminal reach.

The game like many others geared for adults earned a mature rating by the Entertainment Software Rating Board for violence, mature language and adult situations.

The game has been put on the National Institute on Media and the Family, Media wise video game Report Card's top ten list of games to avoid for children.

This report card should be a tool to help parents understand video game rating systems and what their children are playing. To see the report card, visit www.mediafamily.org/

But

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we can go to far in letting others help protect the nation's children from mass media.

In 2002, The Protect Children from Video Game Sex and Violence Act was introduced by Rep. Joe Baca, D-Calif. The bill would apply to games that feature decapitation, amputation, killing of humans with lethal weapons or through hand-to-hand combat, rape, car-jackings, aggravated assault and other violent felonies, which the Grand Theft Auto games are known for.

Twenty-one other representatives co-sponsored the bill, which was referred to the House Judiciary Committee. The bill would levy heavy fines against stores for either selling or renting games that had a mature rating to minors.

I think that bill is taking things to far. It is not the companies or government's responsibility to ensure children aren't exposed to media that may be inappropriate to them.

There are games for every age group and it's the role of the parents to determine what is appropriate for their children.

If they feel their 15-year old can understand the difference between reality and a video game, then that should be their decision.



interest their child.

If little Jimmy says he wants a game, his parents should look into it to see if it is appropriate for him. It's also the parents' responsibility to help their children distinguish between the differences of real life and what's on the TV, be it video games, television or movies.

I do agree with the fact that that games like Grand Theft Auto and many others are simply not meant for children.

But, it shouldn't be up to the government to decide what video games people should or should not be playing or even the video game companies.

The video game industry made an estimated \$12 billion dollars in 2002 from selling the actual consoles and software, which was more than what the film industry brought home. Video games are a big business, just like movies or television, and the compa-

nies that make them are going to chase the dollar signs.

I couldn't tell you if the companies are concerned or not about the ages of the people that play them, but they do have a rating system for the games provided by the Entertainment Software Rating Board.

The ESRB is a non-profit organization that rates PC, video and wireless games in terms of content and age-appropriateness. The companies that make these games readily place the ratings in either the lower left or right corner of the package.

The ESRB rating system helps parents and other consumers choose the games that are right for their families.

ESRB ratings have two parts: rating symbols that suggest what age group the game is best for, and content descriptors that tell you about content elements that may be of interest or concern.

The rating system seems easy to understand, EC for early childhood, T for teen, E for everyone, M for mature, AO for Adult only and RP for rating pending.

The best way to keep games that may be inappropriate is for parents to take an active role.

They should make the decision, not their children.

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Battles end, peace begins

Spc. Mason T. Lowery
50th PAD

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Spartan soldiers in Baghdad have switched from war fighting to peace keeping and rebuilding, scarcely a week after bullets stopped flying.

They are making the transition out of a sense of duty, rather than enthusiasm, because they thought they would be going home once the war was over, according to 1st Lt. Joseph Shanahan, 1st platoon leader with A company, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry from Hinesville, Ga.

"It's difficult. Ten days ago we fought our way into Baghdad. We fought people in civilian clothes armed with RPGs and Ak-47s. For a full day we were assaulted by them," he said. "Now we turn around and protect these same people. You're always a little paranoid around them."

As much as Spartan soldiers, like all soldiers, want to go home, they've accepted their fate. Their motto is, after all, "Send Me." They're making the best of their situation and have been able to find satisfaction

helping the Iraqi people.

"It feels pretty good, you can see an expression of relief in people's faces from our presence here," said Pvt. Steven Herbstreith, a 1st platoon soldier from Villaridge, Ill.

The "Can Do" soldiers, 3rd Battalion, 15th Infantry Regiment, spent the week providing security for a Baghdad hospital. The hospital's power was out and looters stole and damaged key equipment. 2nd Brigade Combat Team Commander Col. David G. Perkins, from Keene, N.H., visited the hospital April 17 with 3/15's commander and surgeon to access the hospital's needs.

3/15 soldiers gave the hospital medical supplies and Perkins offered security for medical convoys as well as help getting the electricity turned back on.

The hospital director, Jamal Abdul Hassan, said the hospital was in pretty good shape, the most important thing Spartans could provide was security against looters.

"I asked (the Spartan soldiers) to protect the hospital against looters. They came at once," he said.



Spc. Mason T. Lowery

Pvt. Steven Herbstreith, a 1st platoon, A Co., 3/15 Inf. soldier from Villaridge, Ill., provides security in front of a downtown hospital April 17. "It feels pretty good, you can see an expression of relief in people's faces from our presence here," he said.

RANGERS

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Rangers during their deployment, including their part in the rescue of Pfc. Jessica Lynch, the capture of key regime figures and of the infamous terrorist Abu Abbas, and the recovery of the remains of nine U.S. servicemembers.

Capt. Chad Sundem of Company A attributed the Rangers' accomplishments to "tremendous leaders, extremely gifted soldiers, and the ability to adapt to any situation that came up."

It was character that counted at those crucial moments, said Sundem.

According to Kershaw, the Rangers had plenty of that.

"They never stopped, never wavered, even with enemies all around," he said.

Kershaw also expressed his appreciation to those who stayed behind.

"I would like to take this opportunity," he

said to those gathered, "to extend my personal thanks to all members of the Family Support Group and the rear detachment who labored so hard to take care of our families, receive our injured and keep us focused on completing our mission. Your work, while far from the 'front lines,' has been absolutely critical to our ability to operate ... with unparalleled success."

Kershaw had one final recognition to make, moments before the soldiers were released to greet their families.

"I'd like to personally thank the Rangers," he said. "There is no finer group of young men in this country. God bless these men, God bless their families, and God bless America."

About ten seconds later, those soldiers and families received that blessing, as they received each other, gratefully and gleefully.

And nobody looked once at his watch.



Pfc. Emily Danial

Rangers from the 1st Battalion, 75th Ranger Regiment form up inside shortly after arriving at Truscott Air Terminal on Hunter Monday at 1:15 a.m.



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Navy JROTC students from Orlando visit Stewart Friday

Spc. Casandra Bolton
Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps students from Boone High School, Orlando, Fla., witnessed their teacher's promotion during a visit here Friday.

Sgt. Hector Rodriguez, an infantry national guardsman with the 2/124th Infantry Battalion, Florida National Guard, was surprised when he was promoted to E-5 in the presence of his world history students that were visiting.

After the students visited the Battle Simulation Center and toured the base, they anticipated being reunited with their teacher one more time before an upcoming deployment.

Rodriguez has been a world history teacher for three years and a national guardsman for the past six years.

He said having his students' come

and visit him is like having a piece of home here.

"These kids are like family," Rodriguez said. "Some of them I have had in my class for two years, and I know most of their friends, families and even their parents."

He didn't have time to notify his students about the deployment because he was notified the day after Christmas. So, they found out about his being deployed after the holiday break.

"I found out from some of the other students that he was gone when we returned back to school," said Brian Schwartz, a junior at Boone High School in Orlando, Fla., is a master chief petty officer in the Navy JROTC program.

"I have had him for a teacher for two years now and I like the way he teaches," Schwartz said. "Our classes are a lot of hands on activities."

"I know he has to deploy, but I feel bad for his family," Schwartz

said.

"I think someone tapped into the fact that I am a teacher, because they have had me teaching some of the soldiers infantryman skills," Rodriguez said.

After Rodriguez answered some of the few questions that the students had for him, he was called upon once again, but this time for a surprise. His students sat up with anticipation

Rodriguez was then promoted from specialist to sergeant.

"We knew he was going to be promoted," Schwartz said.

After the pinning on of the rank, the students let out a big "Hooah Army!" for their teacher to show their excitement for his promotion.

When the students started to disperse at the end of the program, they all huddled around Rodriguez for photos. Cameras were flashing left and right as they gathered around to take photos with their teacher one last time before they headed back home.



Spc. Casandra Bolton

Sgt. Hector Rodriguez, an infantry national guardsman with 2/124th Infantry Battalion, Florida National Guard, answers the students questions. Rodriguez is their World History teacher at Boone High School in Orlando.

Marine reservists participate in tank training

Sgt. Raymond Piper
Editor

Marine reservists from D Company, 8th Tank Battalion from Eastover, S.C., took to Red Cloud Hotel to send rounds down range April 17 and 18.

"This is an annual screening process to prepare us for tank tables four and eight, which is platoon training and qualification," said Marine Capt. Matthew Youngblood, D Co. executive officer. "Like any skill, it's perishable."

The Marines began by conducting preventive maintenance on their vehicles and bore sighting.

Bore sighting is a screening process that is fundamental because it sets your tank to mechanical zero, said Youngblood.

Once the bore sighting process was complete, the company's

tanks moved onto the ready line to begin the zeroing process.

A tank crew is made up of four Marines, a driver, loader, gunner and tank commander.

The driver, not only drives, but is also responsible for conducting preventive maintenance on the engine and track portions.

The loader is responsible for maintaining the radios and loading the rounds in the tank's main gun.

The gunner acquires the target fires, the main gun and provides preventive maintenance to it.

The tank commander tells the driver where to drive, the loader what to load and tells the gunner what to shoot.

"The tank commander is responsible for everything the tank does or fails to do," Marine Sgt. Charles Boyd, loader for Red One.

After the tanks were zeroed, the Marines moved into the qualifica-

tion phase of the training.

"Every second counts in qualifications because you're rated on every aspect from loading speed to target acquisition," said Boyd.

For the Marines this is the first time they have trained at a range here.

Although Camp Lejeune, N.C., has the facilities to support the training, which is where they train, but by going to a different site, it adds realism because the Marines don't know where the targets are, Youngblood said.

It wasn't only a chance for the tankers to qualify, but a chance for all commodities of the company to gain experience through the movement of personnel and vehicles, said Youngblood.

He added, "It's also a chance for them experience something different and gives them a chance to interact with different branches and bases."



Sgt. Raymond Piper

Delta Co. tanks line up to zero during tank training held April 17 and 18 at Red Cloud Hotel. This is the first time the Marines have trained at a range here.

TRICARE: Complying with stricter rules on healthcare information

Rudi Williams
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON — TRICARE, like all other healthcare providers nationwide, is working under stricter rules when it comes to protecting patients' rights and the privacy of their health information.

And like its civilian counterparts, the TRICARE Management Activity implemented the privacy portion of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act by the April 14 compliance deadline.

"Privacy of health information is extremely important to beneficiaries and the TRICARE activity," said Navy Cmdr. Sam Jenkins, TRICARE's HIPAA privacy officer. "The message we're trying to convey is that we're committed to the protection of the privacy of health information. We'll do everything we can to maintain its confidentiality and security."

The act, which Congress passed in 1996 and became Public Law 104-191, was designed to "combat waste, fraud and abuse, improve portability of health insurance coverage, and simplify administration of healthcare," according to a TRICARE brochure issued in January.

The measure affects health plans such as TRICARE, companies that perform electronic billing on behalf of military treatment facilities, physicians, dental clinics, pharmacies and business associates such as managed-care support contractors.

"The Notice of Privacy Practices describes patients' rights under HIPAA clearly and has been provided to beneficiaries in plain language so they can easily understand these rights," Jenkins said. "The act also requires us to have a contact to help patients manage their

health information and those rights."

Complying with the new rules meant assigning treatment facility HIPAA privacy officers to assist patients in managing their health information and training nearly 130,000 healthcare professionals and workers worldwide. Implementing HIPAA also includes incorporating policies and procedures at treatment facilities to protect information.

It also included identifying and training more than 500 military treatment facility privacy officers worldwide, developing marketing and training materials and mailing the Notice of Privacy Practices to TRICARE sponsor households.

TRICARE mailed more than 5 million notices to beneficiaries' homes between December 2002 and March 2003. The notices are also available at military treatment facilities.

"About 95 percent of the people who received the notice have understood it," Jenkins noted. But, he said, "we have received some further questions from people who don't understand why we've done that. We've screened and responded to those letters to help further explain the information." In addition, the privacy officers can "answer questions from beneficiaries."

Besides explaining the patients' rights under HIPAA and TRICARE's responsibilities, the notice tells beneficiaries how to file a complaint if they feel their health information has been inappropriately used.

Jenkins said patients have the right to read their medical records, have a copy made, request amendments or request restrictions of usages and disclosures of their health information.

"HIPAA makes us accountable to them for our management of their health information," he emphasized.

However, he pointed out that TRICARE and military treatment facilities are allowed to use health information for treatment, payment and healthcare operation activities.

"But there are other uses and disclosures of information that we must document," he said. "Patients can request an accounting of disclosures so they'll know exactly how their health information was used. This gives the individual control over their health information. We're obliged by the rule to do that for them."

Patients have the right to request an accounting of disclosures for up to six years, Jenkins noted.

"If the patient thinks there is erroneous information in his or her record, they may make a request to the treatment facility where the records are held for review of the information," Jenkins said.

But under some circumstances, information could be withheld from patients if healthcare professionals determine that releasing it would be harmful to them. For example, Jenkins said, "if some patients know they have a catastrophic disease, it may adversely affect how their body reacts to treatment." He said the same thing applies to other patients who may react adversely if they find out their treatment is going to take a year as opposed to a month.

"These are good medical practice guidelines that allow us to withhold information from a patient where knowledge of the course of treatment or prognosis might cause them to think adversely," Jenkins said.

Not only is the patient's privacy protected in treatment facilities, it's also protected in the

patient's home. For instance, Jenkins said, a patient might not want to share information left on his or her home answering machine about a follow-up appointment notice. In such a case, the patient could request a confidential communication at an alternative location.

Jenkins said HIPAA privacy applies to individually identifiable health information — paper, electronic or oral communications. This includes information that identifies the patient and relates to his or her past, present or future health condition.

But he noted that TRICARE and military treatment facilities are required to give health information about any individual to the Department of Health and Human Services for use in an investigation of a complaint.

"We're permitted to use and disclose health information for many reasons, such as to assist public health officials in doing disease surveillance in a community," he said. "We can also share military health information on active duty people to help commanders determine an active duty member's ability to perform a particular element of a mission, or to determine their fitness for duty."

"We can also use health information to inform appropriate authorities, law enforcement (officials) and others of victims of spousal or child abuse," Jenkins noted.

Patients who have complaints about their privacy being compromised should contact the military treatment facility privacy officers or the TRICARE privacy officer.

They can also go directly to the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Civil Rights Web site and follow the complaint and inquiry process at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/hipaa/>.

Occupational therapy at Stewart explained

Capt. Lorie Barker

Special to the Frontline

April was national Occupation Therapy month and Winn Army Community Hospital occupational therapists worked hard to address the question;

"What is occupational therapy?"

Occupational therapy is a rehabilitative process in which the therapist acts as a human performance engineer to restore daily living skills after physical injury or psychosocial dysfunction

occurs.

Daily living skills can include self-care skills, work performance and leisure activities.

It is important to give a brief historical look at occupational therapy and work towards present day to be able to appreciate the extraordinary field of occupational therapy.

Occupational therapists served as reconstruction aides during World War I using occupation to restore physical function.

Since World War I, OT's have continued to serve in the military

during peace and wartime in a variety of roles.

Occupational therapy impacts all aspects of the Army with OT's embedded in a variety of settings to include medical centers and combat stress control hospitals.

The scope of occupational therapy includes military readiness, prevention and welfare, combat stress prevention and intervention, ergonomics and support of humanitarian missions.

Direct care includes but is not limited to the following: basic and

advanced self care evaluation/training, education and treatment programs with emphasis on energy conservation, work simplification and joint protection, work capacity evaluations and work site assessments/recommendations, psychosocial treatment with an emphasis on life skills development, evaluation/treatment of upper extremity conditions, and orthotic (splint) fabrication.

Occupational therapy services at Winn include upper extremity evaluation/treatment in a neuromuscu-

loskeletal evaluator physician extender role, psychosocial group treatment addressing life skills development and ergonomic intervention/education.

The professional OT staff at Winn consists of one therapist and two enlisted therapy technicians.

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Seeds of democracy planted in Abu Gharyib

Spc. Jacob Boyer

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

ABU GHARYIB, Iraq — The recently elected city council of Abu Gharyib met with officials from the town’s municipal service and 1st Battalion, 3rd Air Defense Artillery Regiment Wednesday to discuss restoring services and order to the town.

The town, which has between 750 thousand and 1.5 million citizens and lies on the outskirts of Baghdad, elected a city council last week in the first free election in recent Iraqi history, said Lt. Col. Mark Garrell, commander, 1/3 ADA. Soldiers from 5th Special Forces Group who have been working with the townspeople for more than eight months helped them with the elections.

“This is a very historic day,” said the Fayetteville, N.C., native. “This was the first election like this in the history of Iraq.”

The battalion assumed control of the Abu Gharyib April 13, and went to work immediately trying to contact officials in charge of the hospital, the police and fire departments, and public utilities, Garrell said. As this process went on, Garrell became aware that Special Forces were working to establish an elected government.

Special Forces had been in the area before the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom, said

Capt. Mike, the Special Forces team leader. They spent time developing a rapport with the townspeople before being accepted by the town’s elders. As the relationship between the Iraqis and the Americans developed, the Special Forces team helped them set up an election without American influence.

“We were sent here to help win the hearts and minds of the people,” Mike said. “We were sincere, and they responded to us. As time passed, they realized we were here to help.”

Mike said that at first, the heads of the families wanted the soldiers to lead them, but that was not his team’s goal.

“We told them if they led, we would support them,” he said. “It’s all about them, not us. After 36 years under Baath Party leadership, they’re scared, and they don’t really know how democracy works. But for the first time, they have an assembly elected through a democratic process.”

When the battalion and the Special Forces team realized they were working toward the same goal with different groups, they decided to tie their efforts together.

“There are two theories to this kind of work,” Mike said. “You can get things going with the civil leaders or the elected government. We went with the leadership aspect, and 3rd Inf Div. (Mech.) did the nuts and bolts. Having both sides working made it a lot more seamless.”

Garrell said it helped both groups “legitimize” each other, since those running the services were not selected by the people, and those chosen by the people did not fully understand all of the issues confronting the people of Abu Gharyib.

The main concerns voiced by the council were security and water for the hospital and pay for the policemen, who had not been paid in more than two months. Garrell told the council he would work fast to address the issues he could and take the issues he could not fix up his chain of command.

Garrell told them that the Army could not solve all of their problems, though, and that they would need the Iraqis’ help with every task.

“In order for us to help you, you must help yourselves,” he told them. “We don’t want to lead you, we want you to lead yourselves. The peace starts here, and the peace here will spread to other areas within the city.”Mike echoed Garrell’s comments, saying that the Army needs to support this government, because if it is seen as a success, others will follow.

“We hope that this is a template, but we have to follow through by working with them,” he said. “It’s got to be a government of the people, for the people and by the people. We can always endorse that, but we can’t do it for them. If things go well, it will be a model for how governments can be built in other cities here.”



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Lt. Col. Mark Garrell, commander, 1/3 ADA, listens as the "first among equals" of Abu Gharyib's city council voices the council's concerns as order and services are restored. The town of about 1.5 million people is on the outskirts of Baghdad.



Spc. Jacob Boyer

Lt. Col. Mark Garrell, commander, 1/3 ADA, discusses security with members of the police force in Abu Gharyib, on the outskirts of Baghdad. The city's citizens recently selected a city council in a democratic process with the aid of the 5th Special Forces Group.



Photos by Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

Capt. Andy Sims, a medical planner with the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), helps unload boxes of medical supplies during a supply delivery to the Kasmir University Hospital April 15.

3ID, V Corps soldiers deliver supplies to Baghdad hospitals

Sgt. Akilah C. Clarke

3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) Public Affairs

BAGHDAD, Iraq — As the tide of Operation Iraqi Freedom turns from combat to stability and support operations, soldiers who once manned the frontlines now find themselves providing a helping hand to those most affected by the war — the Iraqi people.

Soldiers from 3rd Brigade Combat Team, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) and the 30th Medical Detachment, V Corps, delivered supplies to a number of local Baghdad hospitals April 15, to include the Baghdad Children's Hospital, and the Kasmir University Hospital.

Some of the hospitals were in worse conditions than others, according to Maj. John Balser, 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.), assistant division surgeon.

"The medical sections for the different BCTs went around and did initial assessments to see which hospitals were operational and to get a general idea as to what the conditions of those hospitals were," he explained.

Most of the hospitals were unaffected by the war, but some, such as the facility responsible for caring for Saddam Hussein's family, were bombed beyond repair.

"That hospital isn't very inhabitable anymore, so it was abandoned, but it still had some salvageable equipment," he said.

The donated supplies were provided by Ministry of Kuwait and the government of Australia, and were separated and delivered

according to the needs of the hospital, according to Balser.

At Baghdad Children's Hospital, many of the items delivered consisted of a large number of pediatric supplies, to include baby food, oral rehydration fluids, diapers, intravenous supplies and various pediatric medicines.

In addition to receiving supplies and medicines, the staff at Kasmir University Hospital received a visit from the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) commanding general, Maj. Gen. Buford Blount. After a short tour of the hospital, Blount sat down to talk with one of the staff members, Dr. Issim Khuleif.

Although the hospital did not suffer any damage during the war, it was still in dire need of water, medicine and other supplies, Khuleif said.

Blount assured the Khuleif and the hospital staff that the military would play a significant role in assisting the facility and those like it.

Overall, the Iraqi people are very grateful for the assistance they are receiving, Balser said.

"What I've found so far is that these people are extremely receptive to what we're doing. We haven't seen any hostilities towards Americans in these areas. They're very generous people and they're very appreciative of what we're doing," he said.

"We saw a lot of suffering in the past during Desert Storm, and we don't want to see that again. So by getting these supplies to the hospitals, we hope to help out as much as we can."



An Iraqi local speaks with soldiers of the 3rd Inf. Div. (Mech.) outside the Kasmir University Hospital April 15. Although the hospital did not suffer any damage during the war, it was still in dire need of water and other supplies.

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the people and property,” Grimsley said. “We’re helping the local experts restore some of the city’s infrastructure.”

Running water and electricity are the two major concerns of the local residents, according to an interpreter assigned to the 1st BCT.

The power outage is the result of sabotage by Iraqi forces prior to the division’s arrival in Baghdad, according to Grimsley. “Most of the water supply is moved by electric pumps.”

Commanders from the Raider Brigade have been meeting regularly with local and civic leaders in an attempt to remedy their concerns and issues, including the security of government buildings and banks, and the needs of medical facilities and schools in the region.

“We made a trip to a local hospital yesterday to see the conditions,” said Staff Sgt. Chachi Heard, 1st BCT chaplain’s assistant. “Their supplies are minimal and the environment is very unsanitary — people are receiving treatment in the hallways.”

The visit was one of six the 1st BCT made to survey area hospitals.

The brigade has also taken a major step in cleaning the city of the damaged and burned out vehicles and debris left on the roads.

“After sunset Saturday, we cleaned and policed all the refuse and burned out cars from our zone,” Grimsley said. “We brought all the vehicles over to a parking lot near the stadium for the residents to use as a salvage yard.”

Apart from the effort to revitalize and rebuild

Baghdad and the Iraqi government, Grimsley is also focused on taking care of the troops in the area.

“Over the course of the next week, you’ll see this place start to flourish,” he said from the office of the former Iraqi interior minister.

This includes structural improvements by the 11th Engineer Battalion to living and working areas, as well as eventually offering amenities for soldiers.

“What I’d like to do is bring in local merchants to provide services and goods ranging from haircuts to personal hygiene items to soda,” Grimsley said.

He added that the soldiers have enough junk food and sustenance.

If family and friends want to send anything, send stationary and school supplies for the local children.

“These kids so very much want to get back to school. They just don’t have the means,” said Grimsley.

While small pockets of enemy resistance are still present in the city, the Raiders and the rest of the 3rd Inf. Div. are dedicated to the rebuilding of the country.

“We’ll continue to do more and more everyday to make this a more livable place,” Grimsley added. “Our overall goal is to turn all of this over to the Iraqi people, as it should be.”

As far as redeployment is concerned, Grimsley knows that the 1st BCT will follow 2nd and 3rd BCTs. Both brigades have currently been deployed upwards of nine months.

“We will remain here until we are relieved, and that won’t happen overnight,” Grimsley concluded, with an optimistic view, “I look at it like this — being (in Baghdad) puts us one step closer to going home. That alone is reason enough to be happy.”

The soldiers couldn’t agree more.



Photos by Sgt. Craig Zentkovich

(Above) Capt. Adam P. Morrison, a fire support officer for the 1st Brigade Combat Team, tends to his duties at brigade's tactical operations center in Downtown Baghdad April 20.

(Left) Spc. Krystal Brooks, HHC 11th Eng. Bn. food service specialist, checks the fluid levels of her vehicle while conducting maintenance April 23 in downtown Baghdad.



(Above)The highways of Baghdad, barren the week prior, were congested April 19 with both U.S. military and local civilian traffic.

(Left)Staff Sgt. James Phillips and Sgt. 1st Class J.D. Caldwell, both part of 1st Brigade Combat Team's intelligence office, process information for local residents applying for work as interpreters for the 1st BCT April 23.



Soldiers from Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2nd Battalion, 7th Infantry Regiment patrol the streets of Baghdad April 23. All units of the 1st Brigade Combat Team are providing security as part of stabilization and support operations in Iraq.



A resident of Baghdad speaks with Staff Sgt. James Phillips, 1st Brigade Combat Team intelligence, while applying for work April 23 as an interpreter for 1st BCT in Iraq.

POLICE REPORTS

- **Subject:** Civilian, 32-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 26-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 - **Charges:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Hunter Army Airfield
- **Subject:** Chief Warrant Officer 2, 30-year-old male, Aviation Brigade
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, speeding 35/15
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 44-year-old female
 - **Charges:** Improper lane change
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 42-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Driving under the influence
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 - **Charges:** Theft by taking of an automobile
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 40-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 - **Charges:** Failure to maintain lane
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 50-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private First Class, 30-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Public drunkenness
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private, 22-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 32-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 27-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charges:** Wrongful use of cocaine
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Captain, 31-year-old female, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Failure to yield while turning left
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** Larceny of private property
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 23-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Possession of open container while operating vehicle, no driver's license
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 26-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 29-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended, alteration of license plate
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 28-year-old male
 - **Charges:** Driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, Division Artillery
 - **Charges:** Wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant, 28-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charges:** driving while license suspended
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant First Class (Retired), 49-year-old male
- **Charges:** Failure to yield right of way
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Master Sergeant (Retired), 49-year-old male
 - **Charge:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Family member, 29-year-old female
 - **Charge:** Child deprivation
 - **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private Second Class, 18-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, underage drinking
- **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private Second Class, 19-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charge:** Underage drinking, wrongful possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 20-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charge:** wrongful possession of marijuana, underage drinking
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Driving with suspended license, speeding, using private property as thoroughfare
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private, 18-year-old-male, Division Artillery
 - **Charge:** Forgery
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Captain, 45-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, improper turn
 - **Location:** Savannah
- **Subject:** Specialist, 28-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Aggravated assault, larceny of private property
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 27-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Shoplifting, concealed weapons
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Family member, 24-year-old female
 - **Charge:** Failure to maintain lane
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 24-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charge:** Cruelty to a child in the 1st degree
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 25-year-old male, Division Support Command
 - **Charge:** Driving while license revoked, speeding
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private Second Class, 18-year-old male, Second Brigade
 - **Charge:** Failure to yield right of way, defective equipment
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** 1st Sergeant, 55-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Sergeant 1st Class, 40-year-old male, retired
 - **Charge:** Improper backing
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 25-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Simple assault – consummated with a battery
 - **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Staff Sergeant, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Fraud involving quarters, larceny of government funds
- **Location:** Edgar, WI
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 26-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 - **Charge:** Contempt of court, no proof of insurance
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, laying drag
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 24-year-old male, Headquarters Command
 - **Charge:** Reckless driving
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 2nd Class, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Damage to government property
 - **Location:** Hunter
- **Subject:** Private 2nd Class, 19-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, failure to obey traffic control device
 - **Location:** Hinesville
- **Subject:** Private 2nd Class, 19-year-old male, 2nd Brigade
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, failure to maintain lane, lighted headlights required
 - **Location:** Bryan County, Ga
- **Subject:** Civilian, 22-year-old male
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, simple possession of marijuana
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Private 1st Class, 27-year-old male, 1st Brigade
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, license suspended, open container, speeding
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Civilian, 44-year-old-female
 - **Charge:** Driving under the influence, open container
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart
- **Subject:** Specialist, 20-year-old male, separate battalion
 - **Charge:** Speeding
 - **Location:** Fort Stewart

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(OCS) Selection Board

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Warrant officer board

HQDA has announced the Fiscal Year 2003 CW 3, 4 and 5 Promotion Board. The board is scheduled to meet April 29. The following are the zones of consideration for all grades:
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• Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1997, and earlier
• Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1997, through Sept. 30, 1998
• Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1998, through Sept. 30, 1999
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• Above Zone — Sept. 30, 1998, and earlier
• Primary Zone — Oct. 1, 1998, through Sept. 30, 1999
• Below Zone — Oct. 1, 1999, through Sept. 30, 2000
Officers who will be considered by this board in all zones of consideration should immediately schedule themselves for a new digital photo.
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For more information, call 767-0229.

Delays on Highway 119

Georgia Highway 119 will be closed for training from approximately 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. and 2:30 to 3:30 p.m., Sunday. The road will not be closed more than one hour at a time.

Learning Center

The Main Education and First Brigade/Division Artillery has expanded their hours. Computer access is available during the week 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays at the Main Education Center and 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at 1st BDE/DIVARTY.

Environmental Assessment

M3A3 Bradley Fire Support Team (BFIST) Environmental Assessment (EA) evaluates potential environmental impacts encountered during manufacturing, testing, and field use of the M#A3 BFIST.
These vehicles will be fielded at Fort Stewart. It has been concluded by EA there is no significant environmental impact and no statement is required for continued manufacture and use of these vehicles.
For more information contact Mr. Kenneth Pitko at (586)574-6321.

Motorists

West 6th Street (south) between the concrete tank trail and Essayons Drive will be closed to through traffic until May 5. Closure is considered urgent and necessary to facilitate the re-construction of the railroad crossing.
Motorists requiring access to container handling area and GP warehouse areas should utilize 15th Street.
Personnel requiring access prior to 7:30 a.m. should use West 15th Street via the Concrete Tank Trail at West 6th Street.

Learning center hours

The Main Education and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 respectively, will expand their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours. Two temporary changes are in effect until further notice.
Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, will be available 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday.
Learning Center, Building 1237 will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Hunter

Hunter Recycling Center

The Hunter Recycling Center, Building 1412, is open. Blue recycling bins will be placed next to all trash dumpsters on post this week-end. Only recyclable materials should be placed in the recycling bins to reduce the processing time as it is hand sorted.
Military units should take all scrap metals to the recycling center. Call 352-5987 for more information.

After-school Program

The Hunter Youth Center is now signing up students in the 6th grade level and higher for a free After-School Program.
1st through 5th graders may also sign up, however, space is limited. Those who are interested can register at Building. 1286.

Phatt Katz Comedy Show

The Phatt Katz Comedy Run will present shows at the Hunter Club on Wednesday starting at 9:30 p.m. Performances will feature two comedians and one headliner.
Doors open at 8:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door. For reservations call 912-269-0277.

First Steps Program

The First Steps Program needs volunteers. This is a program that provides information and support to expectant and new parents stationed at Hunter. Volunteers make home visits to expectant parents and provide a 12 month phone call follow up. Volunteers are paid mileage reimbursement and enjoy flexible hours. For more information, call 756-6516.

Special Forces

The Special Forces recruiting office is seeking professional enlisted and officer volunteers to join the ranks of one of America's most premier fighting forces.
To learn more about Special Forces attend a weekly briefing at Hunter at noon and 2 p.m., Tuesdays, at the Education Center or Fort Stewart at 10 a.m., 2 and 4:30 p.m. on Wednesdays at the Special Forces Recruiting Office Building 132. For more information, call 767-0229.

Colonel Edward L. Hubbard

Retired Air Force Colonel Edward L. Hubbard, artist, author and motivational speaker will speak at 6:00 p.m. on May 9 at the Mighty 8th Air Force Heritage

Museum in Savannah. Col. Hubbard was a POW in Vietnam and will speak on overcoming adversity, being positive, and staying focused.
For more information call Tiffany at 354-1812.

Wilson Avenue

Widening and resurfacing from approximately 800 feet west of the Stephenson Gate to the intersection of Lightening Road is scheduled to Commence Monday until July 3, tentatively. Traffic will be maintained to 1 lane.

Bible Baptist Church

The Bible Baptist Church honors military personnel and their families Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Live music and entertainment, food, games, hayrides, and guest appearance by Savannah Sand Gnats.
Church is located at 4700 Skidaway Road. RSVP at 352-3020.

Softball

Intramural Softball registration is still open – sign up today! Semi-pro baseball is also available. All sports open to active duty, reserve component soldiers and family members.
For more information call Art Lewis, Hunter Sports Office at 352-6749.

Financial Readiness

Financial readiness workshops available 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. every second and fourth Monday at ACS.
Invest one day in this workshop, then watch your money go farther and your financial future get brighter.
All soldiers are required to attend this workshop during their first enlistment.
For more information, call 352-6816.

Continuing education

Family members, Army Reservists and National Guardsmen can continue their education during their relocation to Hunter Army Airfield, regardless of their specific unit, at the Hunter Army Airfield Education Center, Building 1290. For more information, call 352-6130.
Classrooms are also available for training and FRG meetings. For additional information about these locations, or the ACES program, call the Main Education Center at 352-6130.

Winn Army Community Hospital

Blood Drives

The American Red Cross will be holding a blood drive 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. May 20 at Winn Army Community Hospital.

Volunteer Orientation

The next American Red Cross volunteer orientation for Winn will be held 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the hospital conference room. For more information or to become a volunteer, call Brigitte Roberts at 370-6903.

"Take Care of Yourself"

The next Winn "Take Care of Yourself" classes will be 2 to 3 p.m. May 14 and 11 a.m. to noon May 28. Tuttle's class will be 10 to 11 a.m. April 30. The class gives an overview of how to use the "Take Care of Yourself" book. Upon completing the class, you will receive a card that allows you to get over-the-counter medications from Winn or Tuttle. To register for the Winn class, call 370-5071. To register for the Tuttle class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Expectant Siblings Class

The next Expectant Siblings Class will be held 5 p.m. May 1. The class is open to children ages 4 to 12 to help them prepare for the arrival of a new sibling. To register for the class, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Expectant Mothers Support Group

The Expectant Mothers Support Group is specifically tailored to the meet the needs of pregnant women whose significant other is deployed. The next meeting will be 9 a.m. May 13 at Club Stewart.
The educational class topic will be pregnancy wellness. Childcare will be available with advanced notice. For more information or to book childcare, call Beth Wilkinson at 370-6779.

Bereavement Support Group

A Sunrise Bereavement Support Group will be held 7 to 8 p.m. May 13 in Winn's chapel. The group is open to beneficiaries who have lost a loved one. For more information, call 370-6661 or 370-6779.

TRICARE Hours of Operation

The TRICARE Service Center will be open 10:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the

month. Regular business hours are 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call 370-6015.

Tuttle TRICARE enrollment

TRICARE enrollment briefings for Tuttle are held by appointment from 9 to 11 a.m. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday and 1 to 3 p.m. Thursday. To schedule an appointment, call 767-6633 or 1-800-652-9221.

Winn and Tuttle Champions

The Winn and Tuttle Champions program matches representatives with Family Readiness Groups to answer questions about what healthcare services are available to you - from transferring your TRICARE enrollment to refilling prescriptions to schedule appointments. For more information, call Winn's representatives, Linda King or Darla Vaught, at 370-6225/6143 or Tuttle's representative, Marilyn O'Mallon, at 352-6015.

Free Children's Screening

Military families with children up to 3 years old who may be at risk for developmental delays can call Educational and Developmental Intervention Services for a free screening. Services include home visits, occupational therapy, special instruction, physical therapy, speech and language therapy, vision and hearing screenings, family training, developmental screenings and assessments. For more information, call 370-6349.

ASAP sees families

The Army Substance Abuse Program will now see dependant family members at least 18-years-old, retirees, contract employees and Department of the Army civilians on a walk-in basis. ASAP is located in Building 620 on 6th Street. For more information, call 767-5265/5267.

Pregnancy Nurse Line

Patients more than 20 weeks pregnant who have questions between their regularly scheduled appointments can call the direct nurse line at 370-6550.

Medical Threat Briefings

Units that require a Medical Threat Briefing can now schedule it by calling Environmental Health at 767-3050.

SYNDROME

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Following the Gulf War, while stationed at the 90th General Hospital, Nuremberg, Germany, Underwood began to hear complaints of odd memory loss, physical aches and lowered immune system, she said.

All of these people attributed their conditions to service in the Persian Gulf, but the symptoms were so diverse that they didn't match one specific disease.

"It was very confusing," said Underwood. Shortly after the initial influx of reports, the Department of Defense came up with the Comprehensive Clinical Evaluation Program to provide Gulf War Veterans with a proper method of address for concerns about their service in the Gulf War.

Soldiers under the program receive testing, healthcare and are monitored closely at DoD medical facilities.

Although media sensationalized "Gulf War syndrome," the term is incorrect, said Underwood.

According to her medical dictionary, a syndrome is a group of symptoms characteristic of a specific condition or disease. "Gulf War syndrome" is not a group of symptoms indicative of a specific condition.

The term was abandoned for "Gulf War illness," which was eventually abandoned for the more specific: Medically Unexplained Physical Symptoms.

They are considered "medically unexplained," because none of the patients tested had anything wrong with them that could be attributed to the Gulf War. Some of them couldn't even be explained at all.

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appalled at the cruel hoax, she said.

"The Red Cross does not notify the next of kin when military members are wounded or killed in action," she said. "That is the responsibility of the military casualty offices."

If this sort of thing happens the Red Cross recommends the family member should contact their local police and their local phone company to report the incident, said Richter.

"Most phone companies have their own investigative resources and sometimes at the request of the subscriber (family member) it may be possible for the phone company to find out where the call originated from," she said.

"We have a long and proud history of assisting military members and their families during times of emergency," she said. "We are very disturbed that someone could be so cruel and attempt to needlessly alarm family members with information of this sort."

Underwood told the group about one soldier who kept forgetting how to get back to his post, but when he was tested, he showed no signs of memory loss.

She also cited the different possible causes for MUPS.

Depleted uranium has been said by many veterans to have caused illness. DU is the metal left over when nuclear reactor fuel is produced. It is 40 percent lower in radiation than uranium. The very dense metal showed incredible properties as a projectile weapon and as tank armor during the Gulf War.

Critics have said that DU is still harmful, despite its reduced radiation.

Following the war, soldiers who came through CCEP were given a urine test to determine radiation level. The tests determined that radiation levels were not out of the ordinary, Underwood said.

There was also some worry that chemical warfare had been the reason for the outbreak of illnesses. Studies have shown that only a small number of soldiers may have been exposed, she said. There was also a scare that a preventive measure to chemical attacks, Pyridostigmine Bromide tablets, was toxic.

Research here too showed that PB tablets were not lethal, Underwood said.

The Centers for Disease Control has reviewed all of the research done by the department in the area of MUPS.

"They collaborate very much with the Department of Defense," said Underwood.

In fact, veterans have shown a birth defect rate that is the same as the general population

and a lower mortality rate.

Post-traumatic Stress Disorder was the only abnormality that occurred at a higher incidence among Gulf War veterans, which she said, makes sense, because of the stressful nature of a war.

MUPS is very difficult for medical professionals to deal with, because there is no empirical evidence suggesting the Gulf War in relation to the soldiers' sickness, said Underwood.

"As a Gulf War vet, I can state how I can see why they would attribute their illness to this life-altering event. We're not saying these illnesses don't exist ... the conditions are real," she said.

What will exist this time is a more care-oriented approach to dealing with veterans. The department is more prepared now, Underwood said.

"Initially, people didn't know how to react."

For one thing, all soldiers are given pre-deployment and post-deployment health assessments, as well as a "Guide to Deployment" and a "Guide to Redeployment."

Upon redeployment, all soldiers will be given questionnaires about their health and well being. On this form, they will automatically be asked if they feel that an illness is directly related to deployment.

Family Readiness Groups have learned from the Gulf War and evolved greatly to meet the challenges of a major deployment, Underwood said.

A stress team from the regional health care

center will be consulting with Winn professionals to help redeploying soldiers cope with possible readjustment issues. The team consists of a psychiatrist, a psychologist and physicians.

Any soldier that was within 50 meters of a DU impact will be tested for radiation. This will help to ensure that if there is any radiation overexposure, it will be detected early.

One problem with care for veterans of the Gulf War was that agencies didn't work together, said Underwood. The Department of the Army, the Department of Veterans Affairs and other relevant agencies will be better coordinated.

Fort Stewart also plans to integrate primary care professionals with specialist referrals, she said. The first time, soldiers had symptoms and were sent straight to a specialist without being properly evaluated by their primary care physician, who knows the patients and their medical history.

CCEP already serves more than 2,000 veterans of the Gulf War at Winn alone. Historically veterans of all wars have been stricken by varieties of symptoms, said Underwood.

"I imagine we'll see some variation (this time)," she said.

Underwood is interested to see if the new preparations will make a difference and alleviate soldiers' fears. If the soldiers returning are supported, the way that veterans of the Vietnam Conflict were not, the occurrence of PTSD should be less frequent and severe.

"It was a just war, and they must be made to feel good about what they did," she said.

FREE

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exported milk, dates, corn and grain for profit while "more than half a million Iraqi children were malnourished."

Hussein let more than \$200 million worth of medicines and medical supplies "sit in warehouses," while one in eight Iraqi children died before the age of 5, the president said.

"And while the dictator spent billions on weapons, including gold-covered AK-47s, nearly a quarter of Iraqi children were born underweight," he added.

Other sobering statistics: Today, Iraq has half as many hospitals as it did in 1990, and 70 percent of the country's schools are run-down and overcrowded. One quarter of Iraqi children don't attend school at all, Bush said.

"These problems plagued Iraq long before the recent conflict," he added.

The president shared several anecdotes about Iraqis cooperating with Americans. The most publicized is the Iraqi lawyer who risked his life several times to lead American Marines to U.S. prisoner of war Army Pfc. Jessica Lynch. Other Iraqis led Marines to the seven other American POWs several days later.

"Iraqis have warned our troops about land mines and enemy hideouts and military arsenals," Bush said.

He quoted an Iraqi man who received medical care aboard the U.S. Navy hospital ship Comfort: "They treat us like family. There are babies in Iraq who are not cared for by their mothers as well as the nurses have cared for us."

Comments about unity and democracy garnered the longest and loudest applause and cheers. "Whether you're Sunni or Shia

or Kurd or Chaldean or Assyrian or Turkoman or Christian or Jew or Muslim," Bush said, shouting to be heard above the roar of the crowd. "No matter what your faith, freedom is God's gift to every person in every nation!"

He assured them "America has no intention of imposing our form of government or our culture."

"Yet we will ensure that all Iraqis have a voice in the new government and all citizens have their rights protected," Bush added.

The president expressed his confidence that a free Iraq can "be an example of peace and prosperity and freedom to the entire Middle East."

"It'll be a hard journey," he said. "But at every step of the way, Iraq will have a steady friend in the American people."

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On Post

Spouses' night out

A Spouses' Night Out will be held 6 to 10 p.m., Friday at Club Stewart's Patriot Corner. There will be line dancing and ballroom dancing lessons at 7:30 p.m.

There will also be board games, music, snacks, cards and a beverage station. Child care is available, call CYS at 767-3203 for child care requirements.

Toastmasters

Whether you're a professional, student, stay-at-home parent or retiree, Toastmasters is the best way to improve your communication skills.

The Dog-Faced Soldiers Toastmasters International Club meets noon every second and fourth Wednesday at Club Stewart and is open to everyone.

For more information, call 767-0383 or email at Bowenja@stewart.army.mil.

Education Center hours

The Main Education Center and 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Centers, Buildings 130 and 1237 have expanded their hours due to the high demand for services during the day and evening hours until no longer needed.

Computer access will be available during the week at the Main Learning Center, Building 130, 8 a.m. to 9 p.m., Monday through Friday and 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

The 1st Brigade/DIVARTY Learning Center, Building 1237, will be open 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Prayer Warriors

The Fort Stewart Prayer Warriors meet 3 to 4 p.m., Sundays at Marne Chapel Conference Room.

This prayer group is open to everyone, if you cannot make it, email your soldier's name and unit to caseybcbraig@coastalnow.net and we will add them to our prayer list. No babysitting is provided, please bring a toy for your child.

Prayer service

The installation commander announces a weekly prayer service, noon to 12:20 p.m., Thursdays at Marne Chapel. It is a prayer time for Remembrance and Hope.

CYS Central Registration

The CYS Central Registration, Building 443 will be open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday and Friday by appointment only; 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday by appointment only and all day Wednesday for walk-in. Pick up records from your child's program (SAS, CDC, FCC and YS) prior to update. For more information, call 767-2312.

Off Post

Parent's night out

Enjoy a night out while your kids have fun at the YMCA 5 to 10 p.m., Fridays and every 2nd and 4th Saturday. Rates per child, per hour are E-1 through E-4, \$1; E-5 through E-6, \$1.25 and all others, \$1.50. Children may bring swimsuits. Registration is required and may be completed when children are dropped off.

Art School Exhibit

Hospice Savannah will host the End of the Year Exhibit of Student Art Work 2003, May 1 to May 31 at the Hospice Savannah Art Gallery at 6711 LaRoche Avenue. The gallery is open 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday to Friday.

For more information, call 355-2289 or 691-1181.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Retired sergeant major lights it up

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

A lot of Americans talk about patriotism, and lately more people are putting actions behind those words, but there are some who take their pride in this country to the next level.

Bob and Betty Halderman's tribute to America and all troops both at home and overseas won't be easily missed by anyone who happens to be driving past their suburban Savannah home.

Using their front yard as a backdrop, the Haldermans have created a display of lights in the shape of the words "Let Freedom Ring," and beside it a "prayer tree" adorned with yellow ribbons and an American flag recreated in lights

"This has been up since the day after the war started," said Mr. Halderman. "We've been doing (light displays for) patriotic holidays for five years, but this one is in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Upon stopping to take in the lights more fully, one can hear the strains of songs such as "God Bless America" piped through speakers set up behind the lights.

"We're trying to get the community involved," said Mr. Halderman. "Many people only think about soldiers during wartime, but we're trying to get them to see that we need to support America and our soldiers with or without war."

The Haldermans' efforts don't end in their yard, though.

An even more tangible sign of their support is in the form of dozens of trays of brownies of all kinds that have made their way from the Haldermans' home to the Hunter Army Airfield, to any and all departing soldiers who might have a sweet tooth.

"I tell every soldier going overseas, if they want some brownies, they only have to ask, and I'll send them some," said Mrs. Halderman.

Although it's not as edible as brownies, the yellow-ribbon-dotted prayer tree standing next to the light display also stands as a tribute to soldiers overseas.

Next to the prayer tree is a small sign inviting passersby to add their own contribution to the display, reading:

*Each bow is**A call to remember**Our soldiers in prayer...**You are welcome to add one.*

Charles and Freddie Gilyard, a Savannah couple who said they hold the Haldermans in high regard, have already accepted that invitation.

"They are the centerpiece of the community," said Mr. Gilyard, who works with Hope House of Savannah. "As far as patriotic spirit goes, they are it."

Mrs. Gilyard, the principal of Savannah's Jenkins High School, added, "We get used to things happening ... the kids were all excited, and then people forgot about it. This helps to remind them."



Pfc. Emily Danial

Bob and Betty Halderman's tribute to America and all troops both at home and overseas shines brightly in their front yard.

Students shine, take 4th place nationwide

Sp. Casandra Bolton

Staff Writer, 372nd MPAD

Sixth graders at Diamond elementary placed fourth nationally out of 167 schools in the



Sp. Casandra Bolton

Cathy Tillman's sixth-grade students take the last NCEL test for the year.

National Current Events League.

During this school year, the students were tested a total of four times and they received one point for each correct answer.

Cathy Tillman's sixth grade social studies class was tested on topics ranging from dictator Saddam Hussein to figure skater Michelle Kwan.

"The Current Events League allows me to relate the past to the present," said Tillman. "Since the students are very interested in what's going on in the world around them and enjoy expressing their opinions about world events and it is easier for them to adapt to the information."

"The program also increases reading comprehension as students read the newspaper each week, and it gives them the opportunity to do analytical reasoning in deciding how they feel about current political issues," said Tillman.

Tillman assigns them one current events assignment each week, and they discuss current

events almost daily in class.

"The students take notes on the most important stories and keep a log of important people affecting the news. We often have contests between boys and girls to see which can remember the most information," said Tillman.

Students have always enjoyed knowing and discussing what's going on, but this year, students have been more interested in the news because of the deployments to Iraq.

"We have a map of Iraq and of Baghdad in the classroom, and they have followed our troops with pride almost on a daily basis," said Tillman.

"We have a 'World Wall' of events we want to remember," said Tillman.

While other children are playing video games and watching cartoons, the sixth grade students of Tillman's class are watching the news and reading newspapers to keep up with the fast pace of society.

Local businesses shower frontline troops with Girl Scout Cookies

William Mosley

Contributing Writer

With all the media coverage surrounding the 3rd Infantry Division's (Mech.) record-breaking progress in Operation Iraqi Freedom, it's clear that the soldiers have enough to worry about with sandstorms, enemy encounters, and slow convoys.

Their food choices may be limited outside the usual army-issue field rations. While there isn't much that can be done about the sandstorms, several Savannah-area businesses and the Girl Scout Council of Savannah teamed-up to make the road to victory more scrumptious.

Enter Operation Cookies From Home which sent 287 cases of cookies to the troops to let them know they're supported and gave them a change from the monotonous battlefield cuisine they're accustomed to. Organizers were pleased with the response in that the money to buy the cookies was collected within three weeks.

Once the cookies arrived in the Middle East, they were turned over to field chaplains who went from unit to unit (which can be dozens of miles apart) and dispersed more than 3,400 boxes of home to them.

One of businesses supporting the project is Alltel. They participated because, as a national company, they wanted to support a local cause. "This is a great way to

sponsor the Girl Scouts locally. We also love the troops for sacrificing for others and ourselves," said Pam Dietz, Alltel's Savannah market Vice-President and General Manager, adding, "I also believe that this was a great use of contribution money to a worthy effort. This is our way of sending a taste of home to them."

"After seeing images on TV, it makes you wonder if there's something more that can be done. This is a very small something we can do," said Tom Feldman, manager of the Girl Scouts' insurance programs with Palmer and Cay, a Savannah-based firm. "I hope the thin mints don't melt on the way over." Although his company bought more than 30 cases, he still believes more can be done.

One of the youngest participants was 7-year-old Nautica Levine of Savannah.

The brownie of Troop 412 has an uncle serving in Iraq and was enthusiastic, although shy, about giving cookies to the soldiers. "It's a way of thanks from us. It makes me happy because I can do something not many people are able to do," she said. When asked to give a message to the soldiers, she said, "Come home safe and happy!"

Savannah-area government agencies took part in the drive, namely the Housing Authority of Savannah. When asked to participate, the call for donations was placed on the agency's intranet site. Several staff

members stepped-up and donated funds for 10 cases. According to Earline Davis, HAS's Executive Director, those members did it because they have family members serving actively both locally and overseas. As a result, they exceeded their goal.

It's been said that there's no place like home and one of the things that exemplifies home is food. Girl Scout cookies are quick to remind anyone of home and are certainly good to the taste buds. Hopefully,

our soldiers will think of their local supporters as they munch on Caramel Delites and Lemon Pastry Cremes. It makes one wonder whether or not all that powdered milk will do those thin mints any justice. Let's hope the soldiers aren't caught with too many crumbs on their uniforms.

Editor's Note: William Mosley is a journalist assigned to Naval Reserve Mobile Public Affairs Team Detachment 208, Naval Air Station, Jacksonville.



Girl Scout Council of Savannah, GA, Inc.

Girl Scouts, local business representatives and soldiers help unload 287 cases of Girl Scout cookies for soldiers abroad.



Photos by Spc. Jonathan M. Stack

3rd Inf Div (Mech.) Color Guard leads the parade two-miles down the main street of Port Wentworth, Ga.

Georgia stands up for America



Anlana White, 1-year-old girl shows her patriotism while watching the parade go by.

Spc. Jonathan M. Stack
Staff Writer

The town of Port Wentworth, Ga. held the 32nd Annual Stand Up For America Day parade Saturday.

Members of the community joined to watch the parade and participate in the activities.

Stand Up For America Day was started in 1972, said Ed Young, chairman of Stand Up for America Day.

Several clergymen decided to start the celebration to honor the military and unite the community, he said.

It started off as a parade, with decorated bicycles, and a street dance, which took place in the middle of the main street, he said.

Now, it consists of a parade, consisting of floats, cars, 3rd Infantry Division (Mech.) Color Guard, and bicycles, children's rides, music, a street dance and fireworks, said Young.

This year the parade had more than 150 units and was two-miles long, Young said.

The parade with the other activities showed that people support our troops and have a love of America, said Ernest Mciver, brigade commander of Groves High School Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps, Garden City, Ga.

The turnout showed a sense of loyalty to the country and showed that everyone is not just sitting around ignoring the war, he said.

Setting aside a day to honor the military and the country is a good way to bring the community together for a good cause.

'Operation Salute' shows appreciation for service members' efforts, sacrifices

Special to The Frontline

ST. LOUIS — Anheuser-Busch announced April 23 it will give free single-day admission to its SeaWorld, Busch Gardens and Sesame Place parks to active duty military, active reservists, U.S. Coast Guard, National Guardsmen and as many as four of their direct dependents, beginning the Friday of Memorial Day weekend and concluding Veterans Day, Nov. 11. The offer also has been extended to all coalition forces serving with U.S. troops in Operation Iraqi Freedom.

"The men and women in our armed forces have made tremendous sacrifices, risking their lives and being separated from their families during the war," said August A. Busch III, chairman of Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc., which operates nine U.S. theme parks. "We wanted to express our deep gratitude for their service, and this gives those who serve and their families some needed relaxation and enjoyment."

"It is our privilege to offer our parks to the men and women of our armed forces and their families," said Patrick Stokes, president and chief executive officer, Anheuser-Busch Cos., Inc. "It is a small gesture of thanks for the hardships endured every day by our soldiers and those closest to them."

"Operation Salute" will give free admission at Busch Gardens Tampa Bay; Busch Gardens Williamsburg; SeaWorld Orlando; SeaWorld San Diego; SeaWorld San Antonio; and Sesame Place in Langhorne, Pa.

"Operation Salute is exactly what we mean at the USO when we talk about the incredible power of 'Thank You,'" said Edward A. "Ned" Powell, president and chief executive officer of the United Service Organizations. "It is an extraordinary example of a company's recognition of the sacrifices our military makes on behalf of all Americans."

Anheuser-Busch has supported the U.S. armed services for nearly 150 years. In 1921, Adolphus Busch's widow, Lilly, opened the Busch family garden to the public, donating admission fees to disabled veterans.

Anheuser-Busch has previously honored U.S. armed forces with free admission to its theme parks. Nearly 1 million service members and their families visited free during Yellow Ribbon Summer following the first Gulf War and during the Anheuser-Busch Salute to America's Heroes, a post-9/11 tribute that included all branches of the U.S. military.



Sea World photo

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Diamond Elementary School – Third Nine Weeks Honor Roll Students



FIRST GRADE

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Michaela Backes
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Joey Hanson
Khalig Hughes
Dylan Kellogg
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Alexandra Wade

SECOND GRADE

A
Joseph Bailey
Julian Battley
Arianna Brown

Dominique Calhoun
Allyson Clayton
Jarrid Dalton
Damien Fernandez
Brigit Frails
Brandon Garcia
Trevor Goody
Darrian Graves
Adam Homback
Kianna Kimbrough
Corryna Lindahl
Taylor Marcone
Ashley Mason
A'Shanti McKan
Dylan McSherley
Dustin Russell
Terrance Neal
Krysten O'Sullivan
Amanda Reeves
Roxie Stein
Austin Strellner
Nikki White

A/B

Joseph Ard
Tyler Blackwell
Heather Bowman
Kinyana Bussie
Amy Camacho
Kayla Cantrell
Daniel Clintron
Christopher Davely
Brandon Elmer
Cameron Enders
Tatiana Gomez
Katelynd Gotham

Kora Greer
Dakota Hamilton
Zachry Hansen
Briana Henry
Bobbie Hoskins
Jazmine Jacobbs
Meranda Linville
Isabella Lliso
Amber Machin
Krystal Maglothin
Ashlea McIntire
Andrea Mejia
Linsdton Morris
Quirina Munoz
Caleb Parker
Deadra Penny
Courtney Rutherford
Cory Smith
Marcus Smith
Melissa Smith
Jamika Stephenson
Tori Strauss
Shiann Washington
Brittany Weaver
Shariff Williams
CeMone Wimberly
Nicholas Wohlmaker

THIRD GRADE

A

Audrey Bird
Thomas Brown
Evan Crowther
Michael Dongus
Victoria Flanagan
Zachary Foster
Grant Hibner
Jasmine Howell
Lekesha Jelks
San Landis
William Legate
Justina Lopez
Symone May
Joshua Oglesby
Janeé Perry
Haasahn Peyton
Tyler Phillips
Chelsea Rector
Jamie Robin
Alyssandra Ruiz
Aubré Shannon

Kadicia Simmons
Casey Smith
Cody H. Smith
Dakota Strellner
Ashleigh Thompson
Tommy Thompson
Nathan Towery
Andrew Walker
Justin Weare

A/B

Jordan Archual
Melva Aher
Shannon Baptista
Jessica Bealler
Shanice Belle
Christopher Belvin
Steven Correa
Raul DelGado
Kevin Eaves
Harriet Edusah
Preston Ellis
Tyree Evans
Derrick Ezra
Lindsey Franklin
Corey Gordon
Xavier Harris
Zoey Homback
Garrett Hubbard
Niko Justice
Jamilah Lambert
Shaqueg Lax
Kahdijah Layfield
Robin Lopez
Jeanetta McLaughlin
Nathan McMaster
Emanuel Mella
Megan Pagan
Brandon Piedra
Clarence Round
Monequal Salter
Alexandria Searles
Cody Allen Smith
Andrea South
Alexis Washington

FOURTH GRADE

A

Joey Brendler
Noemi Forbes
Antionette Hawkins
De'Andre Johnson

Miguel Lugo
Joshua Orton
Kerly Pierce
Jennifer Sanders
Tre'Veon Savannah
Tim Sealy
Renata Shirlee
Timothy Simmons
Alyssa Wells
Ben White
Kerystyn Williams
Jehan Willis

A/B

Alex Barnes
Roykeisha Burnette
Desmond Clark
Stephanie Corlew
Jonathan Crews
Zachery Hawk
Montrel Hollis
Amanda Hoskins
Reggie Howard
Donte Hughes
Kyliegh Janes
Johnathan Johnson
Jasmine Jordan
Hunter Law
Brian Lopez
Lynnae Martin
Nicholas McLean
Justin Miller
Antonio Rivera
T. J. Sauter
Taylor Schumann
Matthew Tudela
Daria Turner
Chelsea Williams

FIFTH GRADE

A

Victoria deCamp
Laqwana Dockery
Jeanette Gonzales
Montage Hollis
Sakeshia Howell
Adam Huey
Kara Lyons
Jake Moak
Xavier Pagan

A/B

Raquel Acevedo

Kristina Begnston
Patrick Chanel
Brandon Cook
Tamera Crawford
Marquise Davis
Katrice Fed
Aria Graves
Megan Linville
Daminique Massengill
Brittany Mauntler
Enrique Munoz
James Parker
Stephanie Pena
Rahne Reed
Flanagan Ryan
Milne Scott
Laurisa Sylla
Jessica Trowbridge
LaCheynna Washington
Tyler Williams

SIXTH GRADE

A

Ben Bowes
Emilee Clouse
Amy Ferguson
Lawrence Hicks
Nicky McClain
Tony Michel
Alicia Stites
Patrick Towery
Victoria Vidal

A/B

Janelle Bass
Justin Battley
Samantha Chase
David Clark
Michaela Daniels
Antonio Fed
LaTrice Gardner
Nina Krinke
Shontia Lindsey
Remington Mollett
Beatrice Pollard
Tony Presnell
Amber Salazar
A'isha Shanes
Mercedes Spinks
Whitley Strickland
Jaylese Vega
Mercadys Washington

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Do Not Worry

Chaplain (Capt.) Kevin S. Sears
11th Eng. Bn. Chaplain

Matthew 6:25-34
25 "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes?"

26 Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?"

27 Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?"

28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labor or spin.

29 Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

30 If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?"

31 So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?'

32 For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

34 Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.

I read a quote one time that said, "Worry is as useless as sawing sawdust" This is a great picture of the counter productive activity of



worrying.
Worry consumes a lot of time in our individual lives. Will I be able to succeed? Will I be able to graduate from college, or will I pass my next P.T. test? Will I meet the right person, or will I make the team?

Whatever your worry, it is not worth the time that we give it. Christ tells us in Matthew that God will supply our needs and he lists two things that God provides for. He begins by telling us to look at the birds of the air. The bird does not sow or reap, but God supplies their need for nourishment. Look at the lilies of the field, they do not labor or spin, but God gives them a beauty that is greater than the clothes of Solomon in all his glory.

The point is that God loves you very much and created you for success. He is going to make sure that your basic needs are well taken care of, if you trust in him and put him first. Don't worry about what you will eat or drink like the pagan. Trust in God and you will be fulfilled.

In our society we could take it to a different level. Don't worry about having the best of everything and getting yourself overwhelmed in debt. To the person who trusts in God, He will supply your needs and give you peace in the process. This is not only about material things. God will supply your need for contentment and peace. He will also fulfill your need of fulfillment in life and that love that each one of us desires.

Reflect on the good things. Spend quality time with family and focus on the most important things in life. My joy comes from the simple things. A happy family and close friends. I hope you can say the same. Christ is the answer to all of your needs. You only need to trust in him! May God Bless You!



Pet of the Week

Crockett and Tubbs are 6-week-old male, Lab-mix puppies. They love to cuddle with children and they'll make a great addition to any family

If interested in adopting a cat or dog, call 767-4194 or stop by the clinic located at 461 W. Bultman Ave., Building 1180, Fort Stewart, Ga., 31314.

Worship Opportunities

Fort Stewart

Catholic	Location	Time
Sunday Mass	Victory	9 a.m.
Sunday Mass	Victory	7 p.m.
Weekday Mass	Victory	11:45 a.m.

Protestant

Sunday "Protestant Worship"	Marne	11 a.m.
Sunday Gospel Service	Victory	11 a.m.
Sunday Family Friendly	Vale	11 a.m.
Tuesday Healing Service	WACH	11:30 a.m.

American Samoan

Sunday Worship	Vale	1 p.m.
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Muslim

Friday Jum'ah	Bldg. 9182	1:15 p.m.
Masjid (Daily)	Bldg. 9182	5:30 a.m.

Seventh Day Adventist

Saturday Sabbath School	Vale	9:15 a.m.
Saturday Divine Worship	Vale	11 a.m.

Lutheran

Sunday Worship	Marne	11 a.m.
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Contemporary Service

Sunday Worship	Marne	6 p.m.
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Hunter Army Airfield

Protestant

Sunday Service	Post Chapel	11 a.m.
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SPORTS & FITNESS

On Post

Basketball courts opened

The Hunter gym's basketball courts are newly renovated and now open.

Tae Kwon Do lessons

Tae Kwon Do is available for children and adults.

Classes are held 5 to 6 p.m. for children and 6 to 7 p.m. for teens and adults, Tuesday and Thursday at Fort Stewart Youth Services Center, Building 7338, Austin Road in Bryan Village next to the shoppette.

The cost is \$30 per month. For more information, call Child and Youth Services at 767-2312.

Marne tournaments

A 9-pin, no-tap tournament will be held the first Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes.

Sign up starts at 6:30 p.m. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$15 per person.

A scotch doubles tournament is held the third Saturday of every month at Marne Lanes. Bowling starts at 7 p.m. Cost is \$20 per couple. For more information, call 767-4866.

Newman offers training

The Newman Physical Fitness Center now offers personal-training consultations. Consultations consist of health screenings (body fat assessments), exercise prescription and nutritional counseling. Consultations are on appointment basis only.

Persons desiring this service may contact the Newman Physical Fitness Center at 767-3031.

Golf course

Taylors Creek Golf Course offers Senior Blitz on Thursdays with a 9 a.m. tee off. They also offer a Dogfight Tournament at 7:30 a.m. and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Saturdays and Men's Blitz at 1 p.m. on Sundays.

• **Troops Tune Up**, a soldiers free clinic, is held every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

• **A Ladies Free Clinic** is held every Wednesday from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.

• **A "Junior Golf Academy"** is scheduled be held during the summer.

Anyone who wants to schedule a fundraising event for Family Support Groups, Unit Activities or a private organization is asked to contact Charlie Dobbertin at 767-2370.

Pool passes

Pool passes will be available May 23. Call Andy Arrington, DCAS Aquatic Director, at 767-3034 for more information.

Picnic areas

Picnic areas are available at Fort Stewart and Hunter. To reserve the picnic areas, call Outdoor Recreation Center at 767-8609.

The center also rents boats, trailers and kayaks, as well as small items such as cookers, pots and pans.

Therapeutic massage

Therapeutic massage is offered three times a week at Caro gym. 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 5 to 7 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is a deployment special for April and May, \$10 for 20 minute massage. To make an appointment, call 767-4763.

Off Post

Firecracker 5000

The Island Packet Firecracker 5000 Road Race and Fun Walk will be held 8 a.m. July 4 at the Mall at Shelter cove.

Runners from all over the United States participate in this Independence Day Event. It is the largest road race in Beaufort County and will be limited to the first 1,000 participants registered.

For more information or to register, contact Bear Foot Sports at (843)379-3440 or register online at www.bearfootsports.com.

If you're interested in having your sports articles, commentaries or briefs posted in The Frontline, call 767-3440, or fax at 767-5979. Deadline is noon on Fridays.

Tour de Georgia hits the road in Savannah

Pfc. Emily Danial

Staff Writer, Hunter Public Affairs

The annual Dodge Tour de Georgia kicked off its Prologue Tuesday at East Broad Elementary in Savannah at 11 a.m., and truth be told, anyone who had previously thought that cyclists' sport is easy had only to look at them to tell that these athletes were serious.

Chaplain (Col.) Neil Dennington, installation chaplain at Fort Stewart, delivered the invocation for the beginning of the race at a ceremony held near the starting point, and after the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner," the race began.

From their specially-engineered helmets to their carefully chosen footwear, the participants in the Tour de Georgia were ready to roll out when the whistle blew, and competition was heavy from the start.

The event is a six-day, professional cycling stage race that aims to become America's premier cycling event, attracting world-class cyclists, fans, enthusiasts, and visitors from around the United States and the world, according to the official Tour de Georgia website.

Before their timed lap race Tuesday, cyclists were required to have their bike's wheels measured to make sure they were within standards and to ensure that no bike's aerodynamics were of a quality that surpassed the boundaries specified for them, said a race official.

Bike teams included the U.S. Postal Service pro cycling team, Navigators, Saturn, Prime Alliance, Sierra Nevada/Clif Bar, 7UP/Maxxis, Schroeder Iron, Ofoto/Lombardi Sports, Jelly Belly/Carlsbad Clothing Cycling Team, Jittery Joe's Coffee, Colavita-Bolla, Webcor Cycling Team, Team West Virginia, Rabobank (Netherlands), the Netherlands national team, Flanders Iteamnova, Sidermec Vini Caldirola, and Formaggi Pinzolo.

Saturn's Nathan O'Neill led the timed race, completing the 2.6 mile (4.2km) prologue through downtown Savannah in just 4 minutes and 58 seconds. Saturn riders Chris Horner, who came in at 5:02, second overall, and Eric Wohlberg, with a time of 5:06, fifth overall, were also in the top five. The other top finishers were 7Up/Maxxis riders Greg Henderson timed at 5:02, third overall, and John Lieswyn, who came in fourth with a time of 5:04.

"It's really great to be able to bring an international event to Savannah and other communities, it draws international audiences ... community members are excited to have such a well-renowned event in their town," said Lindsay Pettit, a member of the Tour de Georgia media relations staff.

From the race's start in Savannah to every other town that the bikers passed through, Pettit said, "The citizens bent over backwards to do what they could to help out, they showed real southern hospitality."

Even a bout of somewhat violent weather on Friday didn't slow the race down, she said, as the competitors "weathered the storm" and continued on their way to Atlanta, the race's ultimate destination.

With crowds cheering the cyclists on through Savannah, Augusta, Macon, Columbus, Pine Mountain, Rome, Dalton, Gainesville and finally Atlanta, the race was an intense celebration of the skill and hard work of the athletes competing in it.

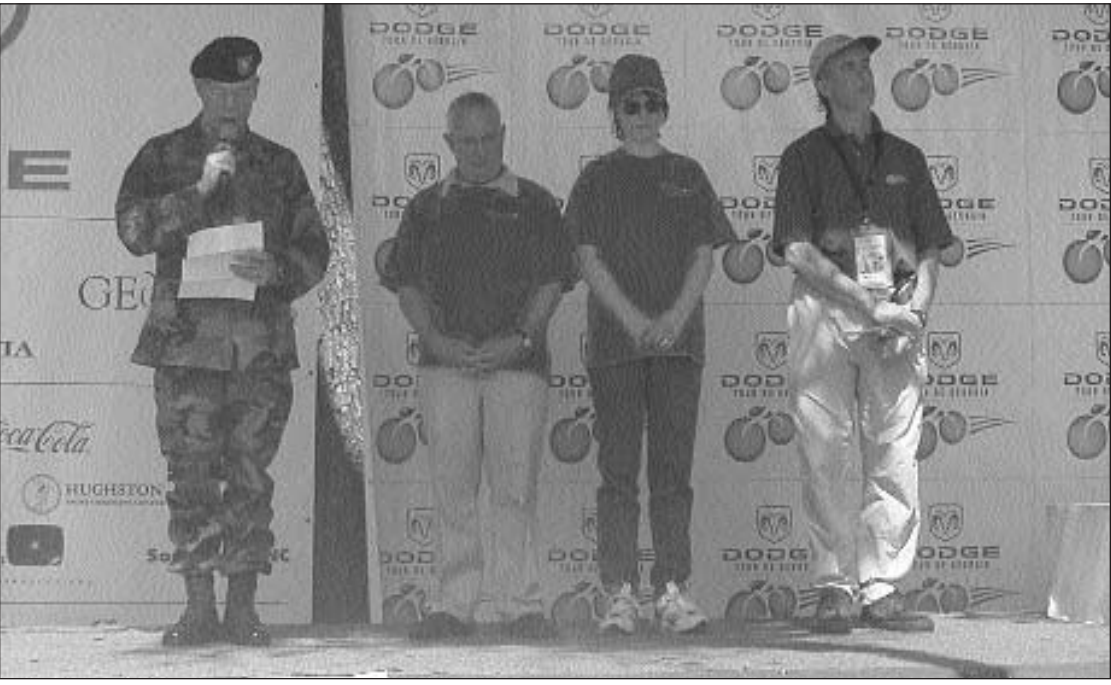
The anticipation culminated in Atlanta with the final triumph of Chris Horner as the winner of the inaugural Dodge Tour de Georgia, with his team, Saturn, winning the title of best overall team.

"It's still so exciting," said Pettit, "every time one of them goes out the gate and every time one crosses the finish line."



Michael Pugh

Chris Horner of team Saturn starts his race against the clock during the Dodge Tour de Georgia Prologue time trial race Tuesday. Horner finished 2nd with a time of four minutes, 56 seconds.



Pfc. Emily Danial

Chaplain (Col.) Neil Dennington, installation chaplain, gives the invocation before the Tour De Georgia Tuesday.

Marne Scoreboard

Softball

12 Under Midget Girls Softball CAA League

Friday, 6:30 — Tigers v. Bloomingdales
Saturday, 12:30 p.m. — Tigers @ Garden City
Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Tigers at Pooler 1
Home games will be played at Field 18

Friday, 7 p.m. — Marlins v. Braves
Monday, 6 p.m. — Dodgers v. Pirates
Monday, 7 p.m. — Marlins v. Rangers

Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Braves v. Rockies
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Marlins v. Dodgers
All games will be played at Bryan Village Field 24

7-8 Pee Wee League

Tuesday, 6 p.m. — Mets v. Braves
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Braves v. Expos
All games will be played at Field 18

Youth Baseball

14 Under Junior Boys Baseball
Today, 6 p.m. — Fort Stewart v. Hendrix Park 3
Monday, 6 p.m. — Fort Stewart v. Hendrix Park 2
All games will be played at Field 15

Youth Services T-Ball League

Friday, 6 p.m. — Pirates v. Rockies

9-10 Mite League
Monday, 6 p.m. — Pirates v. Mariners
Monday, 7 p.m. — Yankees v. Dodgers
Wednesday, 6 p.m. — Mariners v. Dodgers
Wednesday, 7 p.m. — Yankees v. Pirates
All games will be played at Field 16

12 Under Midget Boys CAA League

Today, 6 p.m. — Cubs v. Garden City
Today, 7:30 p.m. — Diamondbacks v. Bloomingdales
Monday, 6 p.m. — Diamondbacks at Hendrix Park 2
Monday, 7:30 p.m. — Cubs at Hendrix Park 3
Tuesday, 6:30 p.m. — Cubs v. Bloomingdales
Home games will be played at Field 24

Aerobics

Hunter Fitness Center Aerobics schedule

Mondays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping
Cardio-Kicking
Buns/Thighs Weights
AB Work Stretch

Wednesday — 6 to 7 p.m.

Cardio-Stepping

Low Impact

Jump Rope

Weights

AB Work Stretch

Fridays — 6 to 7 p.m.

Fun Fridays

Party Dance

Yoga Stretches

Spring Schedule

Spring schedule for softball, racquetball and tennis
Call 767-8326 to sign up.

Softball League May 3-June 26

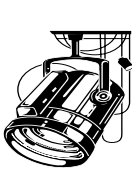
Softball Tournament July 7-10

Racquetball Tournament June 14 & 15

Tennis League June 9-26

Got Scores? Contact the *Frontline* staff at 767-3440 or e-mail Frontline@stewart.army.mil.

Volunteer Spotlight



WOODRUFF THEATER

May 1 — May 7



Admission for all shows is \$3 for adults, \$1.50 for children.

Willard (PG-13)

Starring: Crispin Glover, Laura Harring
Tonight Free Showing at 7 p.m.
Pestered by his coworkers, Willard exacts revenge when one of his pet rats is killed at work. Led by the unusually intelligent rat Ben, an army of rats descends on those who did Willard wrong.
Run time: 100 minutes

Dreamcatcher (R)

Starring: Donnie Walberg, Jason Lee
Free Showing Friday and Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Four young friends perform a heroic act, and in the process are transformed forever by receiving special powers. Years later, now grown, the four reunite for a hunting trip in the Maine woods. The trip is soon interrupted by a stranger, and the friends must band together to battle a mysterious alien force as the future of the earth hangs in the balance.
Run time: 145 minutes

Bringing Down The House (PG-13)

Starring: Steve Martin, Queen Latifah
Free Showing Saturday, Sunday, Monday and Tuesday at 7 p.m.
Peter is a divorced attorney who’s doing his best to move on with his life. he’s been chatting online and when his new friend comes to his house he discovers she’s not who he thinks it is; its Charlene a prison escapee who wants Peter to help clear her name.
Run time: 166 minutes

Free Showing

Thursday — Willard

Friday — Dreamcatcher

Saturday — Bringing Down The House



Lillian Shun

Lillian Shun, a native of Pierpont, Ohio, volunteers as a storytime reader. She has been working on her Girl Scout Silver Award reading to children.

When asked what she like most about volunteering she replied “knowing that I have helped my community and being able to accomplish something.” She also said that she enjoys helping children develop a love of books.

If you would like more information about becoming an ACS volunteer, visit ACS at Building 470 on Fort Stewart, Building 1286 on Hunter Army Airfield or for more information, call Vickie Wiginton at 767-5058.



Birth announcements

April 3
Dontavian Jamar Quimby, a boy, 9 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Sgt. Lenita Stella-Ruth Quimby.

April 8
Arthur Samir Rogers, a boy, 6 pounds, 5 ounces, born to Jennifer Vanette Bond (Dependent daughter of Sgt. 1st Class Garland Bond)

April 9
David Samuel Midgorden, a boy, 7 pounds, 9 ounces, born to Sgt. David Midgorden and Cheryl Midgorden.

April 10
Aaliyah Catherine-Renea Chatman, a girl, 7 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Sgt. Maria Antoinette Chatman.
Malaika Nykole Pugh, a girl, 5 pounds,

11 ounces, born to Pfc. Roderick Pugh and Latasha Pugh.
Kailani Marie Martinez, a girl, 7 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Jose m. Martinez and Solymar Martinez.

April 11
Savannah Destiney Lee, a girl, 8 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Spc. John Daniel Lee and Charlene Ranee Lee.
Kaitlyn Star Savary, a girl, 7 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Jonathan Ralph Savary and Jennifer Lynn Savary.
Mariah Mae Contreras, a girl, 8 pounds, 6 ounces, born to Spc. Felipe Contreras and Pfc. Erika Mae Contreras.

April 12
Tahj Edward Wright, a boy, 7 pounds, 15 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Damedrist P. Wright and Shontel L. Wright.

Nia Nicole Donely-Houston, a girl, 7 pounds, 10 ounces, born to Cpl. Nicole L. Donely and Warren V. Houston.
Shae Rilee Fleming-Duerst, a girl, 5 pounds, 8 ounces, born to Pfc. Kevin Micheal Fleming-Duerst and Melissa Dawn Fleming-Duerst.

April 14
Coralia Mackenzie Silva, a girl, 9 pounds, 1 ounce, born to Spc. Tobias Silva and Stephanie Silva.
Victoria Anne Todd, a girl, 1 pound, 8 ounces, born to Spc. David Anthony Todd and Dawn Michelle Todd.

Chase Corbit Blessett, a boy, 8 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Spc. Christopher Blessett and Aleisha Blessett.

April 15

Koren Elaina Davis, a girl, 6 pounds, 12 ounces, born to Sgt. Ryan Earl Davis and Angela Lynn Davis.
KeiShara Rosavonne Warren, a girl, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, born to Pfc. Keith Wendall Warren and Sharon Denise Warren.
Darrell Lorenzo Byrd, a boy, 9 pounds, 2 ounces, born to Spc. Darrell L. Byrd and Spc. Tyeesha L. Byrd.

April 16
Tyler Michael Douthwaite, a boy, 7 pounds, 13 ounces, born to Jason R.Douthwaite and 1st Lt. Jennifer M. Douthwaite.
Taylor Leigh Petersen, a girl, 6 pounds, 11 ounces, born to Staff Sgt. Carl W. Petersen and Deana L. Petersen.
Serenity Marie Warnack, a girl, 7 pounds, 4 ounces, born to Jason J. Warnack and Pfc. Bridget E. Warnack.